ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for joining two discrete wire components without the need of a third component, wherein material from the end of one wire component is removed to form a female end and the end of the other wire is formed into a male end. The male may be secured within the female end by conventional means. The female end may be formed by electrical discharge machining or laser drilling.

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